Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I know the width of the trunk roads referred to by the Hon'ble Member for Engineering and which are the trunk roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The trunk roads in Cochin State are several. The road coming from Shoranur to Karupadanna, Shoranur to Chalakkudi, Trichur to Karupadanna, Trichur to Vaniampara, Trichur to Kunnamkulam and there are several others. The width of those roads varies from 18 to 22 feet. It is desirable to widen all the trunk roads to about 35 feet.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is not this portion lying between Shoranur and Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The portion referred to in the question does not lie between Shoranur and Ernakulam. It goes to Edakunni Road.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I am referring to Chalakkudi road.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is a portion lying between Shoranur and Ernakulam.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There is a big curve also and it is a very dangerous place.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do the leases authorise the lessees to construct buildings on the sides of the road? I am told that there are some buildings existing there.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is to be considered as an encroachment.

Steam rollers in the State.

145. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of steam rollers for road metalling in the State and how they are distributed at present;

(b) the price paid for each one of them;

(c) the recurring annual expenditure in the case of each, on (i) the pay and allowances, etc., of the drivers, cleaners, mechanics and other employees, (ii) other running charges, such as on fuel, oil, etc., (iii) repairs;

(d) the number of miles of road over which the metalling was done yearly with the aid of these rollers for the last five years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) There are three steam road rollers in the State. They are at Chittur, Trichur and Mukundapuram Taluks.

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		Rs. As. Ps.
(b) 1.	6 ton compound steam road roller	10,297—15—0
2.	Do do	10,000— 0—0
3.	8 ton do	10,552—10—0
(c)	For the 3 rollers together	
(i)	One driver	600— 0—0
	Two drivers at Rs. 40	960— 0—0
	One cleaner	180— 0—0
	Two cleaners at Rs. 17-8-0	420— 0—0
	T. A.	180— 0—0
	Uniforms	66— 0—0

(ii) and (iii) Rs. 194 for the 3 rollers together.

A sum of Rs. 5 per furlong of consolidation work is recovered from the contractors' bill and credited to steam roller receipts.

(d) About 24 furlongs of renewal are consolidated by each roller every year.

(The 8 ton roller was purchased only in 1105).

Applications for assignment of poramboke lands.

146. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications with the names of the applicants for assignment of poramboke lands and forest exclusions in the Mukundapuram Taluk during the years 1107 and 1106;

is there any proposal to assign lands in Kodasseri to any one in the near future; if so, to whom and how much?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Statement containing the required information is appended. (*Appendix I.*)

The disposal of the land is under consideration.

Kariyannur Group Panchayat.

147. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the above said Panchayat had submitted proposals for the opening of a pathway connecting the villages of Kottapuram and Theyyur;

(2) whether surrender kychits of owners of lands to connect existing porambokes have been already submitted;

(3) what steps, if any, have the Government taken in the matter?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Yes.

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